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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

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27 November 1957

1. Mr. [REDACTED] Deputy Chief, Guided Missiles Division, Office of Scientific Intelligence, gave an interesting talk on the technical aspects of the Soviet Sputniks and the ICBM.

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2. Colonel White read a memorandum he had received from the Assistant Director for Central Reference which designates Mr. [REDACTED] of the Liaison Division, OCR, as the focal point to receive suggestions and complaints or render other assistance to improve the customer relations with the Central Reference services.

3. In the event the Mansfield Resolution for the establishment of a Joint Committee on CIA is reintroduced in the next session of Congress, CIA employees should avoid becoming involved in discussions concerning this proposal.

4. The next Senior Staff Meeting will be held on Monday, 2 December, and each Office Head and Staff Chief is requested to submit agenda items to Mr. [REDACTED] by noon of Friday, 29 November.

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5. Mr. Stewart summarized the results of the recent drive for the United Givers Fund and the Public Service Aid Society. Contributions from Agency personnel have far exceeded the quota established for the UGF, and although we did not reach our PSAS quota the contributions were very generous.

6. A telephone has recently been installed in the automobile assigned to the Deputy Director. Instructions for calling this phone were distributed at the meeting. Because contact on this phone would generally be an emergency, Colonel White suggested that the instructions for contact be kept in a handy place for ready reference.

7. Colonel White related the proceedings of a meeting that the Director had with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on a proposed cut in CIA's FY 1959 Budget request. The Director took a firm position that we could not maintain our operations with any cut because he had made substantial cuts in the estimates presented by the Agency components. Though no specific conclusions were reached, it appears that a cut will not be made without a meeting with the President.

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8. Mr. [REDACTED] asked if a recent Comptroller General's Decision disallowing for the Commerce Department payment of travel and related expenses to attend external lectures, conferences and seminars would affect CIA. 25X1A9a
Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out that he felt that the provisions of P.L. 110 appeared to exempt us from this decision but that he will informally check it out with a GAO representative. Colonel White felt that it is important that we authorize our people to attend certain lectures and conferences which undoubtedly are a benefit in perfecting the management abilities of our personnel.

9. Colonel Edwards announced that the Office of Security is about ready to begin its program of security reindoctrination. They plan to start with employees with the longest service and each reindoctrination will take about an hour. All supervisors are requested to make every effort to insure that their personnel attend when scheduled.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1205 hours.

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